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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/19/07

SPONSOR Jennings LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE County Formation of Special Hospital District SB 1168

ANALYST Propst

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 1168 proposes a new section to the Special Hospital District Act authorizing individual county commissioner to form special hospital districts, providing procedures for the appointment and election of the board of trustees, and delegating their powers and duties.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DOH reports that SB 1168 proposes a new section to the Special Hospital District Act to allow, by majority vote, the county commissioners of an individual county to create within their respective jurisdiction, a special hospital district with the additional authority to appoint a board of trustees. This new section differs from the existing Act in as much that the previous language provided all counties the authority to “enter into agreements with one or more other counties to create special hospital districts composed of all or a portion of each county” (See §4-48A-3B NMSA 1978). Thus the new section enables each county to unilaterally act in creating a special hospital district without entering into agreements with neighboring counties.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The proposed new section of SB 1168 expands the existing authority of an individual board of county commissioners within the state to unilaterally act by a majority vote in the creation of a special hospital district.

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